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## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

## Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 345 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The application was filed in a language other than English.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 410.

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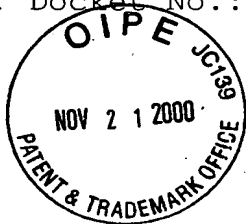
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Parts in the  
herein above referenced patent application mailed 09/28/2000,  
enclosed herewith are:

- (X) copy of the Notice Form PTO-1533
- (X) Return Postcard
- ( ) Certified copy of Paris Convention priority document  
EP 98 810 930.2 filed September 17, 1998
- (X) Accurate translation of filed application
- (X) A Preliminary Amendment
- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement
- (X) A Renewed Petition under 37 CFR § 1.181

The following fees are submitted:

37 CFR § 1.181 Petition fee	US \$ 130
Small Entity filing fee	US \$ 355
Small Entity Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.16(e)	US \$ 65
Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.17(k)	US \$ 130
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Total	US \$ 680

- (X) Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-0355 in the amount of US \$ 680 to cover the above fees.
- ( ) A check in the amount of US \$ is enclosed.
- (X) Applicant believes that this submission is timely and that no petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is required. Applicant, however, conditionally petitions for such an extension should same be necessary.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0355.

Respectfully submitted,

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